

1 AN ACT concerning education.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the
5 Illinois Small Business and Workforce Development Task Force
6 Act.

7 Section 5. Illinois Small Business and Workforce
8 Development Task Force. The Illinois Small Business and
9 Workforce Development Task Force is created as a 17-member Task
10 Force. Four members of the Task Force shall be appointed by
11 each legislative leader. One of the appointees by each
12 legislative leader shall be a person representing small
13 business, one of the appointees shall be a person representing
14 labor, and 2 of the appointees shall be members of the General
15 Assembly. Members of the Task Force shall receive no
16 compensation, but may be reimbursed for their expenses from
17 appropriations available for that purpose. The Chairperson of
18 the University of Illinois Board of Trustees or his or her
19 designee shall be the chairperson of the Task Force. The Task
20 Force shall meet at the call of the Chair. Each Task Force
21 member shall have a 2-year term. A legislative leader may
22 appoint a replacement member upon the death, disability, or
23 resignation of any member appointed by that leader.

1 Section 10. Administrative support. The University of
2 Illinois shall provide administrative support to the Task
3 Force.

4 Section 15. Task Force duties. The Task Force shall
5 identify issues of importance to small business that may be
6 addressed by the 98th General Assembly and future General
7 Assemblies. The Task Force shall make recommendations
8 regarding the issues identified. The issues and
9 recommendations shall address access to capital, State
10 procurement policies, State regulatory policies, program
11 sustainability, and workforce concerns.

12 Section 20. Findings and recommendations. By November 30,
13 2013, and by November 30 of every year thereafter, the Task
14 Force shall submit a report to the General Assembly setting
15 forth its findings and recommendations. The requirement for
16 reporting to the General Assembly shall be satisfied by filing
17 copies of the report with the Speaker, Minority Leader, and
18 Clerk of the House of Representatives, the President, Minority
19 Leader, and Secretary of the Senate, and the Legislative
20 Research Unit as required under Section 3.1 of the General
21 Assembly Organization Act.

22 Section 97. Repeal. This Act is repealed January 1, 2017.

1 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
2 becoming law.